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1. It was learned on 2 July 1949 that the woods in the area of FUERSTENWALDE (N 53/V 33) would be off limits after 4 July 1949 because of maneuvers. German police was employed to cordon off the area concerned.
2. Seventeen tanks left the Panzer Kaserne on Gartenstrasse, FUERSTENWALDE on 29 June 1949 and moved in the direction of BEISKOV (N 53/V 41).
- 3a. No shipments could be dispatched from the ordnance depot in the cable factory, KETSCHENDORF (N 53/V 33), between 25 June and 2 July 1949 because no empty RR cars were available. Two majors from POTSDAM (N 53/Z 63), who were staying in the cable factory on 30 June and 1 July 1949, took measures to speed up loading operations and secure the requisite rolling stock.
- b. Twenty small ammunition trailers arrived in the cable factory on 28 June 1949. Twenty-five new 88-mm anti-aircraft guns were moved into the warehouse for outgoing shipments on the next day, in order to be entrained as soon as RR cars were available.
4. Col. BERNSTEINER, Maj. TSEPPIN and Capt. SHARBAKOV, the officers in charge of the individual departments in the cable factory, were screening all German employees at the time of observation. Some workmen were subjected to thorough interrogations. One woman worker, having relatives in the Western Zones of Germany, was discharged on the spot.

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5. Comment:

- a. The maneuvers to be held in the "FUCHSBERGWALDE" area after 4 July 1949 may be linked with the exercises of the 7th Gds Mech Div (Cadre) in the LIEBEROSE area and with the exercises to be held in the STORKOW area.
- b. The KETTIGENHOF ordnance depot is known from numerous previous reports. Col. BERNSTEIN is assumed to be identical to Col. (Engr) S.A. BLANGSTEDER who was identified in 1944.

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